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SUBJECT: REFUGEES EX-CHILE-UNHCR/ICEM

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1. MISOFF REVIEWED EX-CHILE REFUGEE PROGRAM WITH UNHCR
CHILE DESK OFFICER WHO GAVE FOLLOWING INFO:

2. REFUGEES IN ARGENTINA: VOLAGS, GOA AND UNHCR HAVE
AGREED THERE ARE ABOUT 10,000 REFUGEES FROM CHILE IN ARGEN-
TINA. THERE ARE PRESENTLY 3000 PERSONS REGISTERED FOR ASSIST-
ANCE. NEW REGISTRATIONS CONTINUE AT A RATE OF 40 OR 50 PER DAY
AND UNHCR EXPECTS ABOUT ANOTHER 3000 WILL REGISTER FOR ASSIST-
ANCE IN 1974 AND 1500 EXPECTED REGISTER IN 1975. THIS WILL LEAVE
2500 WHO UNHCR HOPES WILL NOT RPT NOT REQUIRE ASSISTANCE BE-
CAUSE THEY HAVE JOBS OR ARE OTHERWISE ABLE FINANCE THEMSELVES.

3. REFUGEES IN PERU: A TOTAL OF 4000 REFUGEES EX-CHILE IS MEN-
TIONED BY SOME SOURCES IN PERU BUT UNHCR BELIEVES THAT FIGURE
EXAGGERATED. THERE ARE NOW 1000 REFUGEES REGISTERED FOR ASSIST-
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ANCE INCLUDING ABOUT 4000 WHO HAVE DEPARTED OR WHO HAVE FIRM RE-

SETTLEMENT OFFIERS. REGISTRATION IS CONTINUING BUT RATE IS NOT HIGH ENOUGH TO MERIT BELIEF 4000 WILL ULTIMATELY BE REGISTERED. UNHCR REP BERTA PRESENTLY SURVEYING PROBLEM IN PERU AND EXPECTED BE ABLE GIVE CLOSER ESTIMATE IN TWO WEEKS:

4. ADDITIONAL \$1,870,000 ESTIMATED BY UNHCR AS NEED FOR REFUGEES IN ARGENTINA, PERU AND FAMILY REUNIONS FROM CHILE FOR PERIOD OCT-DEC 1974 CALCULATED ON FOLLOWING BASIS:

A. OPERATION EXPENSES:

ARGENTINA PER CAPITA COSTS \$1,400,000

PERU PER CAPITA COSTS 120,000

THESE OPERATIONAL EXPENSES CALCULATED IN FOLLOWING MANNER:

ARGENTINA - 3000 REFUGEES:

CATEGORY	PER CAPITA TOTAL	
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	\$ 170	\$ 510,000
DOCUMENTATION	15	45,000
INLAND TRANSPORTATION	15	45,000
LOCAL INTEGRATION	400	600,000
	\$ 400	\$1,200,000

PERU: 650 REFUGEES \$ 120,000

\$65 PER CAPITA MONTHLY CARE AND MAINTENANCE

TO ABOVE OPERATION EXPENSES, ADD FOLLOWING EXPENDITURES

WHICH NOT RPT NOT CALCULATED ON PER CAPITA BASIS:

LEGAL COUNSELLING (STAFF SALARIES) \$ 40,000

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES 39,400

RESERVE \$ 200,000

B. TRANSPORTATION, REGULAR 100,000

(55 PERCENT FROM ARGENTINA, 40 PERCENT FROM PERU AND 5 PERCENT FROM OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES)

C. TRANSPORTATION, FAMILY REUNIONS 50,000

(MAINLY FROM CHILE)

TOTAL \$1,870,000

5. FOR CY1975, UNHCR ESTIMATES A FURTHER SUM OF \$1 MILLION WILL BE REQUIRED, MAKING A TOTAL REQUIREMENT OF \$2,870,000 FOR THE PROGRAM FROM OCTOBER 1974 ONWARD. FOLLOWING IS BREAKDOWN OF THE \$1 MILLION REQUIREMENT FOR 1975:

ARGENTINA 1500 REFUGEES \$ 600,000

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PERU 300 REFUGEES 200,000

RESERVE 200,000

THESE COSTS ARE CALCULATED IN SAME MANNER AS 1974 COSTS IN PARA

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6. ALL EXPECTED TRANSPORTATION COSTS WHICH UNHCR WILL BE ASKED TO FINANCE ARE INCLUDED IN ABOVE BUDGET. UNHCR WILL REIMBURSE ICEM FOR SUCH COSTS AND SEES NO REASON FOR ICEM TO MAKE SEPA-

RATE APPEAL FOR UNDS. ICEM CONFIRMS THIS. UNHCR EXPECTS THE BULK OF RESETTLEMENTS ABROAD WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE OCT 1974 AND THAT RECEIVING COUNTRIES WILL PAY TRANSPORTATION IN MANY CASES, THIS RELIATIVELY LOW AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR TRANSPORTATION.

7. UNHCR STEESSES THAT BECAUSE OF INCOMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION COMPOUNDED BY FLUIDITY, THESE BUDGET CALCULATIONS NECESSARILY BASED ON AVERAGES IN PAST AND THAT IN PRACTICE MORE FUNDS MAY HAVE TO BE SPENT FOR ONE ITEM AND LESS FOR ANOTHER. NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH RECEIVING COUNTRY PAYS TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULT ESTIMATE CLOSELY, FOR EXAMPLE, AND PERIOD FOR WHICH CARE AND MAINTENANCE REQUIRED MAY BE GREATER OR LESSER. IN ANY EVENT, UNHCR INTENDS KEEP CHANGING SITUATION UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY WITH VIEW TO PRESENTING REFINED ESTIMATES AT UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN OCTOBER.

8. MISSION WILL CONTINUE FOLLOW SUTIATION AND RECOMMENDS DEPT PLAN FOR US CONTRIBUTION OF \$1.3 MILLION AS INDICATED IN REFTL. ABRAMS

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